

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING
June 08, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 1:01 p.m., on June 08, 2018 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING: John M. Alexander, D.D.S

MEMBERS PRESENT: August A. Petticolas Jr., D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Carol R. Russek, JD
Nathanial C. Bryant, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Sheila Beard, Executive Assistant
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: James E. Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter
Peter Baruch, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With 10 Board members present, a quorum was established.

Jennifer Combs, R.D.H. Ms. Combs was present with legal counsel in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 2, 2017.

Case No. 181096 Dr. Alexander swore in the witnesses.

Ms. Combs stated that she was familiar with the order of proceedings. There were no preliminary matters discussed.

Following Mr. Schliessmann's opening statement; Dr. Alexander admitted into evidence Commonwealth's exhibits 1-5.

Following Mr. Baruch's opening statement;
Dr. Alexander admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibit A.

Testifying on behalf of the Commonwealth was Gayle Miller, DHP Senior Investigator, Dr. Lawrence, Alyssa Adkins, and Rebecca Britt, HPMP Case Manager.

Testifying on behalf of the Respondent was Dawn C. Rigler and Jennifer Combs testified on her own behalf.

Mr. Schliessmann and Mr. Baruch provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Parris-Wilkins moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) and Section 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Jennifer Combs, R.D.H. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Reen, Ms. Lee, and Board counsel, Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Parris-Wilkins moved to certify that the Board heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

Decision:

Dr. Parris-Wilkins moved to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board and read by Mr. Rutowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Jennifer Combs, R.D.H. is continued on Indefinite Suspension until such time she can come before the Board and prove that she is safe and competent to practice.

Dr. Parris-Wilkins moved the adoption of the sanction imposed as read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

John M. Alexander, D.D.S., President

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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